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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: RESOLUTION ON CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA

REF: A) STATE 199977 B) GENEVA 5626

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL B) ADOPTED BY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 12 BY VOTE OF 35 TO 2, WITH 17 ABSTENTIONS
(US) AND THREE DELEGATIONS NOT PARTICIPATING. VOTE ON
COMPETENCE CARRIED 40 TO 8, WITH 11 ABSTENTIONS (US)
AND ONE NOT PARTICIPATING. RULING FROM THE CHAIR THAT
DRAFT PROPERLY TAKEN UP UNDER AGENDA ITEM 13, OTHER
BUSINESS (I.E. AND NEED NOT BE FORMALLY ADDED TO AGENDA
BY DECISION OF THE BOARD AS "URGENT AND IMPORTANT") UPHELD
47 TO 2, WITH 7 ABSTENTIONS (US).

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2. GROUP CONSPICUOUS IN ITS SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. ON

QUESTION OF COMPETENCE ONLY CANADA, US, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS AND SWITZERLAND ABSTAINED, AND SPAIN OPPOSED. ON SUBSTANCE, ONLY SPAIN, US, JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND ABSTAINED. AFTER VOTE SEVERAL GROUP B COUNTRIES WHICH HAD VOTED IN FAVOR MADE STATEMENTS ASSERTING THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT LINK BETWEEN ALMEYDA AND UNCTAD WAS ESTABLISHED, AND THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED PRECEDENT FOR OPENING UNCTAD TO MATTERS BEYOND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. AMONG LATIN AMERICANS, ONLY MEXICO AND PERU VOTED IN FAVOR ON QUESTION OF COMPETENCE, MAJORITY OF OTHERS VOTING AGAINST. LATINS SPLIT WIDER ON SUBSTANCE: MEXICO AND PERU, IN FAVOR; CHILE AND URUGUAY, OPPOSED; ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, NOT PARTICIPATING; THE REMAINDER, ABSTAINING.

4. AFRICANS ALSO SPLIT, WITH NUMBER OF THEM NOTICEABLY ABSENT.

5. CHILEAN DELEGATION FOUGHT HARD AGAINST RESOLUTION, RELYING LARGELY ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS. BECAUSE OF ITS EFFORTS, ITEM TOOK UP LARGE PORTION OF THREE MEETINGS OF THE PLENARY, WHICH UNDERScoreD FOR MOST DELEGATIONS THE UNDESIRABILITY OF INTRODUCING POLITICAL ISSUES INTO UNCTAD. DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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